

REMARKS

Applicant traverses the Examiner's unsupported assertion that Group 1 and Group 2 do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rules 13.1 or 13.2 because the inventions lack the same or corresponding technical features. The Examiner stated that Group 2 are claims drawn broadly to a time-limited mine having a particular body configuration and an activating assembly, whereas Group 1 is simply directed to an activating assembly. However, the Examiner states that the activating assembly of Group 1 "is claimed in a manner structurally different from the assembly of Group 2 (in Group 1, the activating assembly is claimed to have *a housing containing an aggressive substance*)."

The activating assembly of claim 11 is not structurally different from the activating assembly in that claim 22 and claim 11 have corresponding technical features. While claim 11 recites a "housing configured to receive the initializing part, the housing containing an aggressive substance", claim 22 teaches corresponding technical features such that it claims "a mine body...having a bore containing an aggressive substance...wherein the initializing part is received in the bore". As such, the restriction requirement is improper and Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the requirement.

Applicants also traverse this restriction requirement because no additional search would be required to also examine claims 22-30 since claims which depend from claim 22 have substantially similar limitations as claims which depend from claim 11.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this application is requested. If the Examiner notes any minor errors, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned so that the matter can be promptly handled by Examiner's amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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